

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein the one or more injection holders are coupled to the injection pipe and the outer casing and are horizontally positioned.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus as set forth in claim 1,~~ An apparatus for improving soft ground, comprising:

an injection rod including an injection pipe into which fluid is introduced, and an outer casing disposed around the injection pipe with an air feeding path therebetween;

one or more injection holders coupled to an outer surface of the outer casing positioned at different levels;

wherein each of the injection holders includes:

a tubular connecting holder coupled to the injection pipe through the outer casing;

a flange disposed under a lower end of the connecting holder and having a plurality of air guide holes;

a nozzle fitted in the flange;

a jet guide holder having an upper space in which the nozzle fitted in the flange is received, and a drain hole having a diameter smaller than that of the space and connected to the upper space, in which a snap ring is partially embedded in an inner surface of the jet guide holder to support an upper end of the flange, with a check rubber ring disposed under the flange in the upper space, and a support cap interposed between the flange and the check rubber ring to support the check rubber ring; and

a protection pipe threadedly coupled to the jet guide holder at one end of the protection pipe and coupled to the outer casing at another end; and

a bit, coupled to a lower end of the injection rod, and defining jet holes, which are inclined downward and have inclined jet nozzles inserted therein, and a cutting water nozzle, provided at a center of the bit.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim [[2]] 3, further comprising a check packing provided under the flange in an upper space of the jet guide holder.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 3, wherein the nozzle fitted in the flange includes an arched concave surface and an inclined surface at an upper end thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein the one or more injection holders are coupled to the injection pipe and the outer casing and inclined downward.